

## ABSTRACT

This invention provides a method of treating a dry or processed fluid pipe line susceptible to the build-up of iron sulfide deposits by complexing the iron sulfide in the pipe lines. The method of the present invention introduces the composition on a continuous or a batch basis to a gas pipe line. The composition is made of a solution of  
5 1) water, 2) [tetrakis (hydroxymethyl) phosphonium] sulfate or chloride, and 3) a soluble ammonium salt, such as ammonium chloride or the like.

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